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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF NORTHERN BORDER PIPELINE COMPANY FOR A PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT COMPRESSOR STATION NO. 11 ORDER ACCEPTING CERTIFICATION AND AUTHORIZING CONSTRUCTION,
EXPANSION OR IMPROVEMENT

NG97-003

On March 5, 1997, Northern Border Pipeline Company (Northern Border) filed a certification with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) that the construction of its Compressor Station No. 11 in Deuel County, South Dakota, would be in compliance with the terms and conditions of the permit for its construction which was issued on April 13, 1981.

Pursuant to SDCL 49-41B-27, if a utility has obtained a permit to construct, expand or improve a facility and it has not commenced such work within four years of the issuance of the permit, it must certify to the Commission that such facility continues to meet the conditions upon which the permit was granted. The Commission held a public meeting on Northern Border's certification on May 19, 1997, in Clear Lake, South Dakota.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to Chapter 49-41B, South Dakota Codified Laws and, in particular, SDCL 49-41B-27.

The Commission, having reviewed the certification of Northern Border and the testimony and evidence adduced at the public meeting regarding this certification, finds that the certification is acceptable and Northern Border shall be authorized to construct, expand or improve Compressor Station No. 11 pursuant to the terms and conditions of the permit issued to it on April 13, 1981; accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the certification of Northern Border shall be accepted and tha hall be authorized to construct, expand or improve Compressor Station No. 11 pursuant to the terms and conditions of the permit issued to it on April 13, 1981.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 10th day of June, 1997.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

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